

EXULTET!

As the Paschal Candle is carried in, the response is sung by cantor line by line and repeated by all, at the three stages of entering.

During the Exultet, the same response (now learned) is sung by all together.

The Exultet may be sung or proclaimed by one or two voices, A & B.

Sung Response: *Christ is our light, alleluia!*
Christ is our Lord, alleluia!
Risen in glory, alleluia!

Christ is our light, alleluia! CHRIST IS OUR LIGHT, ALLELUIA! ,

Christ is our Lord, alleluia! CHRIST IS OUR LORD, ALLELUIA!

Risen in glory, alleluia! RISEN IN GLORY, ALLELUIA!

- A Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation.
- B Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour,
radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered; glory fills you;
darkness vanishes for ever! **(R)**
- A Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!
The risen Saviour shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God's people!
- B It is truly right
that with full hearts and minds and voices
we should praise the unseen God,
the all powerful Father,
and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ;
For Christ has ransomed us with his blood
and paid for us the price of Adam's sin! **(R)**
- A This is our passover feast
when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain,
whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.
This is the night
when first you saved our forebears;

you freed the people of Israel from their slavery
and led them dry-shod through the sea!
This is the night when the pillar of fire
destroyed the darkness of sin!

B This is the night when Christians everywhere,
washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement
are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.
This is the night
when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death
and rose triumphant from the grave.
What good would life have been to us
had Christ not come as our Redeemer? **(R)**

A Father, how wonderful your care for us!
How boundless your merciful love!
To ransom a slave you gave away your Son!
O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam,
which gained for us so great a Redeemer!
Most blessed of all nights, chosen by God
to see Christ rising from the dead!

B Of this night scripture says
"The night will be as clear as day:
it will become my light, my joy!"
The power of this holy night
dispels all evil, washes guilt away,
restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy;
It casts out hatred, brings us peace,
and humbles earthly pride.
Night truly blessed
when heaven is wedded to earth
and we are reconciled to God! **(R)**

A&B Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night,
receive our evening sacrifice of praise,
your church's solemn offering.

ALL Accept this Easter candle,
a flame divided but undimmed,
a pillar of fire that glows to the honour of God.
Let it mingle with the lights of heaven
and continue bravely burning
to dispel the darkness of this night!
May the Morning Star which never sets
find this flame still burning:
Christ, that Morning Star,
who came back from the dead
and shed his peaceful light on all mankind,
your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever! **(R)**